

# Bare Nixon secret try to arm Pakistan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (UPI)—Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger suggested the possibility of secretly channeling arms aid to Pakistan during the Indo-Pakistani war despite a cutoff of such aid, according to secret documents released today by columnist Jack Anderson.

The discussion of aid was contained in one of three memos stamped "Secret-Sensitive," outlining meetings early last month of the Washington Special Action Group (WSAG).

The group includes representatives from the White House, Defense and State Departments, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Central Intelligence Agency, Agency for International Development, and National Security Council.

Anderson's use of the documents, which were stamped "Secret-Sensitive," was compared to the publication last year of the Pentagon Papers, the secret government report on the origins of the Indochina war.

The Administration is investigating who was responsible for the leaks.

## Caught 'hell' from Nixon

Kissinger was quoted in the record taken at one of the policy meetings, on Dec. 3 at the White House, as saying:

"I am getting hell every half hour from the President that we are not being tough enough on India. He has called me again. He does not believe we are carrying out his wishes. He wants to tilt in favor of Pakistan."

The documents as released by Anderson—part of "dozens of documents" he said did not say what kind of aid was envisioned for Pakistan.

But Anderson said today on NBC-TV's Today Show that fighter planes were among the things being considered in the scheme to "sneak" aid to the beleaguered Pakistanis. A cut-off of military aid was ordered early last year.

## Sought arms transfer

The discussion of aid to Pakistan came during a meeting four days later, on Dec. 7, as Indian forces cut deep into East Pakistan, now called Bangla Desh. The text of that memo, as re-

leased by Anderson, said Kissinger, "asked whether we have the right to authorize Jordan or Saudi Arabia to transfer military equipment to Pakistan."

The memo shows Christopher van Hollen, a deputy assistant secretary of state as responding, "... the United States cannot permit a third country to transfer arms which we have provided them when we ourselves do not authorize direct sale to the ultimate recipient, such as Pakistan. As of last January we made a legislative decision not to sell to Pakistan."

The memo continues that Joseph J. Sisco, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, observed, "The Jordanians would be weakening their own position by such a transfer" and that he "went on to say that as the Paks increasingly feel the heat we will be getting emergency requests from them."

"Dr. Kissinger said that the President may want to honor those requests," the document says. "The matter has not been brought to Presidential attention but it is quite obvious that the President is not inclined to let the Paks be defeated."

In one of the documents that Anderson made public, Kissinger is quoted as directing that "henceforth we show a certain coolness to the Indians. The Indian ambassador is not to be treated at too high a level."

## Leaked by high sources

Anderson indicated that the documents came from high sources within the administration. "If the sources were identified, it would embarrass the administration more than it would me," he said. "It would make a very funny story."

The Washington Post published the full texts of three of the memos in today's editions, and An-

derson's office released the texts to other news media this morning.

Anderson said his purpose in making public the secret records of White House strategy sessions, apparently recorded by aides of some of the participants, was to show that the administration publicly professed a neutral position in the Indo-Pakistani war while it secretly took a pro-Pakistan position.

Anderson said today of officials who leaked the documents to him, "They agree with me that government does not have a right to lie... My sources consider this case to be a colossal blunder."

## WORSE THAN PENTAGON PAPERS, SAYS BELGIAN NEWS

BRUSSELS, Jan. 4 (TASS) — "The American people were again deceived by their leaders," the influential Belgian newspaper Libre Belgique, writes in connection with the publication in today's Washington Post of a new series of documents exposing the U.S. stand on the Indo-Pakistan conflict.

The newspaper stresses that the new exposures are even more alarming than the Pentagon's secret papers on Vietnam.